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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to add my voice to those in favor of proceeding with the Yucca Mountain Project. My vote is based on some knowledge of what the project is all about and more on the need which our country has for this facility. I am now retired (though still an emeritus member of the American Nuclear Society) but my professional career as a Nuclear Engineer included nine years with safety analysis responsibilities for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and 14 years in relating to foreign nuclear energy programs at overseas posts for the AEC and the Department of State. Finally, I served over six years with an important AEC contractor, managing projects at the Savannah River Site.

Among the many points which I could stress, I particularly want to mention the following three:

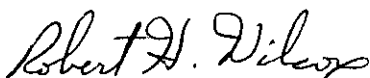
- Throughout the nearly two decades of scientific studies, it appears that nothing has been found which would "disqualify" Yucca Mountain as a repository site or change the initial decision which picked it as the best location in our country (and likely in the world) for such a facility.

- Regulatory, advisory, and scientific peer groups have extensively reviewed the research which has been conducted at the site.

- Storing high level radioactive waste at one location will clearly be a safer option than continuing to accumulate used fuel at more than 70 sites around the country.

Please add my voice to those who are urging the Secretary of Energy to recommend to the President that Yucca Mountain be declared suitable as the site of the nation's high level radioactive waste depository.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Wilcox